

Sustainable Routes

Supporting the Plymouth community & voluntary sector

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Your News & Events

Social Enterprise Network

The Plymouth Social Enterprise Network aims to be a focal point for the social enterprise sector in the city. The network is a vibrant marketplace for exchanging information, ideas and expertise.

To find out more or register your interest to join contact:
ruth@plymouthguild.org.uk



Update on Sustainable Routes

Welcome to the 3rd edition of the [Sustainable Routes](#) newsletter. Sustainable Routes has been actively supporting the voluntary & community sector in Plymouth since July and the wealth of exciting organisations in the city is fantastic.

We have worked with over 35 groups since July, covering funding and business support. We have delivered training sessions & we are building links with excellent support organisations across the city, but we are keen to do more; to get involved or make use of the service contact us on **01752 856706**.

Social Enterprise Day



Sustainable Routes attended the social enterprise day at the Roland Levinsky building; organised by the [formation zone](#), University of Plymouth

The aim of the event was to raise the profile of social enterprise in Plymouth, to raise support for social enterprise and to encourage collaborative working.

The event hosted a number of social enterprise themed seminars along with 1-2-1 sessions from ourselves and [Co-active](#) to support interested individuals & organisations alike. [Rise](#) & local social enterprise organisation [Rio](#) were in attendance to offer their experience to people wanting to know more about social enterprise.

Networking event - Postponed

In our last newsletter we wrote about our plans to deliver a networking opportunity for the sector in Plymouth, but due to other commitments of key speakers we have postponed this event until further notice.

We are currently looking to confirm guest speakers & partner organisations, and want to ensure the event will be as useful and relevant for as many groups as possible; watch this space!

Sector News - Building Partnerships

[Wired](#) is an exciting new consortium made up of 5 key arts organisations in Plymouth. [Attik dance](#), [Barbican Theatre](#), [Plymouth Arts Centre](#), [Plymouth Music Zone](#) and [Theatre Royal Plymouth](#).

The aim is to encourage others to use the arts to deliver solutions to social issues in Plymouth. The 5 members have joined forces to sell innovative programmes of arts activity through a 'cultural one stop shop' that makes it easier to work with the city's decision makers and others to design services that really impact on people's lives.

The Consortium is a great model for the Third Sector in Plymouth to consider as an example of best practice, to understand the benefits of building stronger partner links and how to position yourself effectively to deal with the uncertainties of today's society. For more information contact: info@wiredplymouth.com or click on the **Wired Logo**.



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Flexi Desk space Formation Zone

Plymouth University

If you are looking for flexible office desk space at excellent rates contact: Eleanor Butland **Social Enterprise Project Manager** for more info: eleanor.butland@plymouth.ac.uk



Website & Accountancy Services From Morvargh Sailing Project

For more information on website design & payroll accounts training, using Sage. Contact Linda & Matt on: linda@morvargh-sailing.co.uk

Special Rates for voluntary & community groups

Help needed

A couple of our organisations have mentioned a need for printing & photocopying facilities and computer repair. If you know of anyone who can offer these services for free or at an excellent rate please let us know.

Very useful Links

- Get Legal - the free online reference and decision-making tool for charities, social enterprises and co-operative organisations. www.getlegal.org.uk
- Free & Easy website design - Use the simple online tool to create your first website - no technical knowledge needed. Update your site from any computer, for free. www.gbbo.co.uk
- NAVCA are providing local voluntary and community organisations with one day of consultancy for just £50 (usually £500) - click link for information www.plymouthtsc.org.uk

The Big Society Bank - 100m Transition fund

The Big Society Bank is worth £470 million and will be funded using money from dormant bank accounts. From the £470 million pot, the Transition fund, worth £100 million and will run for 13 months.

The Transition fund will be administered by the BIG Fund, the non Lottery funding operation of the Big Lottery, and will be open to voluntary, community & social enterprise organisations with an income of between £50,000 and £10 million who are most vulnerable to short term reductions in public spending.

Detailed eligibility criteria will be published shortly, but organisations can express an interest in the Transition fund by emailing their contact details to: transitionfund@cabinet.x.gsi.gov.uk

Office of **Civil Society** to replace the office of the Third sector: www.civilsociety.co.uk

Capacity Building are very keen to hear about how they can make the support for frontline organisations more relevant, simpler to obtain, and in keeping with the Big Society agenda. Details about the consultation can be found at www.strongercivilsociety.org.uk

Funder Finder

If you and your organisation would like to utilise the Funder finder search tool, then please do not hesitate to arrange a meeting with the Sustainable Routes team. (See contact details below)



About you

Your news & events; we are using this section as an opportunity to promote your organisation. Please talk to us about your organisation: What events are you running, share your success stories, tell us about your facilities and your feedback on anything relevant to the sector.



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